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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Identifying Technical Leads for EPA's Assistance to Ukraine

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In response to requests for assistance from the Ukrainian Environment Minister to Administrator Regan and Secretary of State Blinken, EPA is now fully engaged in President Biden's "whole-of-government" response to supporting Ukraine. I represent EPA on the interagency Ukraine Working Group on Environment chaired by the Department of State that is now meeting every other week. There are currently three areas of assistance where EPA has been asked to help: 1) Assessing Ecosystem Services and Environmental Degradation; 2) Waste Disposal; and 3) Legal Redress. EPA has been asked to co-chair two interagency sub-groups:

1. Ecosystem Services and Environmental Degradation (with NASA)
2. Waste Management (with Army Corps of Engineers)

In addition, Melanne Civic from EPA's Office of General Council has been identified as an EPA point of contact to work with State Department on legal redress strategies. We expect future requests from Ukraine on assistance related to wastewater and water quality.

Ukrainian Ambassador to the United States Oksana Markarova, has proposed that we set up biweekly calls between Ukrainian officials and U.S. officials to discuss the challenges Ukraine is facing in real time on these issues. The Ukrainian Ministry is functioning as best it can despite the ongoing war. We would like to identify technical leads from ORD and OP on Ecosystem Services and Environmental Degradation and from OLEM, and where relevant ORD, on Waste Management to help work with our interagency colleagues in identifying the appropriate experts to engage with

Ukraine in these biweekly calls. Ukraine is hoping that we can share relevant technical guidances and training materials. To be clear, there is no discussion of personnel traveling to Ukraine while hostilities continue.

OIA and State Department will do our best to coordinate logistics and support for this work, but the program offices will provide the expertise that Ukraine needs. All work will be done in English. In the case that interpretation or translation is needed, we will look to our colleagues at the State Department to help arrange.

Please identify and send your technical points of contact to me and Katherine Buckley [buckley.katherine@epa.gov](mailto:buckley.katherine@epa.gov) by Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to contact me or Katherine if we can provide any additional information.

Best regards,

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